

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 135.11, the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 82, "Office of Multicultural Health," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments change the name of the Office of Multicultural Health to the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health. The amendments also add a statement of purpose for the office and additional language to the rule on responsibilities of the office. All of these changes are the result of legislation passed in 2010.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the July 27, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9634B**. No written comments were received. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The State Board of Health adopted these amendments on September 14, 2011.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 135.12.

These amendments will become effective on November 9, 2011.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend **641—Chapter 82**, title, as follows:

OFFICE OF MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH

ITEM 2. Amend rule 641—82.1(135) as follows:

641—82.1(135) Purpose. The office of minority and multicultural health exists to actively promote and facilitate health equity for Iowa's multicultural communities.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 641—82.3(135) as follows:

641—82.3(135) Responsibilities of the office of minority and multicultural health. The purpose of the office is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities by bridging communication, delivery and service requirements and by providing customized services and practical approaches to problems and issues encountered by organizations and communities working to address the needs of these populations. The office of minority and multicultural health shall provide public health leadership regarding existing or potential issues or practices that can or could affect the health status of racial, ethnic, and linguistic multicultural individuals and families, immigrants and refugees. The office shall provide this leadership through the core functions of (1) education; (2) advocacy; (3) data management; (4) technical assistance and consultation; and (5) training and development. The office is responsible for the following:

82.3(1) to 82.3(3) No change.

82.3(4) Providing technical planning assistance to communities and counties throughout the state and promoting community strategic planning;

82.3(5) ~~Advocating~~ Serving as the liaison and advocate for the department on minority and multicultural health matters and advocating for Iowa's racial, ethnic, and linguistic multicultural communities;

82.3(6) Creating and promoting a climate of inclusiveness in the public health sector on state, regional and local levels by partnering with ~~its~~ the office's racial, ethnic, and linguistic multicultural constituents in Iowa to help them improve their collective health status; ~~and~~

82.3(7) Promoting the Iowa public health standards and providing technical assistance and consultation regarding state and local criteria relating to disparate populations and delivery of culturally appropriate services; ~~and~~

82.3(8) Reviewing the impact of programs, regulations and health care resource policies on the delivery of and access to minority and multicultural health services.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 641—82.4(135), introductory paragraph, as follows:

641—82.4(135) Advisory council. A minority and multicultural health advisory council shall be established within the department.

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